GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS IN PROCESSED FOOD
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to regulate the manufacture, marketing and consumption of processed food containing Genetically Modified Organisms (GMOs) as per the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act and Food Safety and Standard Act,2005 to address health concerns and to work out measures to fix liability in case of problems affecting the health of consumers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT.PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a)&(b) A draft notification for labelling of Genetically Modified Foods/ingredients under PFA Rules, 1955 was published vide GSR no. 152(E) dated 10.3.06 for inviting objections & suggestions from the public within 60 days from the date of its publication in the gazette of Government of India. Since the draft rules could not be finalized, the provisions to regulate Genetically Modified Foods have been made under the Food Safety & Standards Act, 2006 which would be taken up by the Food Safety Authority, which is under the process of being set up.